

**SOURCE WATER PROTECTION BRANCH
WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 2014**

R6 OFFERS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TEXAS UIC REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO INDUCED SEISMICITY: In response to a commitment made at an August 18th meeting between Bill Honker and Milton Rister, Executive Director of the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC), the Ground Water/UIC Section submitted to the RRC comments to the RRC's proposed changes to their UIC rules. The changes are designed to allow the Commission to respond to known or suspected induced seismicity events related to Class II disposal activities. While a major step forward for the RRC, the proposed rule could be improved by more clearly defining pressure front boundaries and the area influenced by the injection of fluids. The Region 6 comments propose several alternatives to deal with these issues. **Michael Overbay, 665-6482; Ken Johnson, 665-8473; Nancy Dorsey 665-2294**

SOURCE WATER PROTECTION BRANCH PROVIDES INPUT FOR PERGAN ENFORCEMENT LETTER: 6WQ-S provided comments and edits on a letter that R6 Enforcement and Regional Counsel is preparing for John Blevins' signature. This letter will be sent to Pergan Marshall, LLC and is related to their Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) violations. The SDWA violations are related to the TCEQ delegated Underground Injection Control Program and the RCRA violations are related to the R6 injection well no migration petition. This letter will also include RCRA and SDWA information requests and 6WQ-S has also provided input on these requests. **Brian Graves, 665-7193**

11th ANNUAL EPA DRINKING WATER WORKSHOP IN CINCINNATI, OH: Two members of the Drinking Water section attended a small systems technical workshop in Cincinnati, Ohio September 9-11, 2014. The purpose of the workshop was to provide in-depth training and information on various solutions and strategies for handling small systems problems and compliance challenges. Two of Region 6 States provided presentations at the national event including Louisiana's current status of the naegleria fowleri investigative sampling and Oklahoma's stance on "new" steps taken to increase water quantity. This work improves the Region's ability to ensure safe drinking water and public health protection. **Amy Camacho, 665-7175; Andy Waite, 665-7332**

SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF RURAL AND SMALL SYSTEMS – WORKSHOP: Two members of the Water Quality Protection Division traveled on Thursday, September 11, to Terrell, Texas, to attend a one-day Sustainable Management of Rural and Small Systems workshop, sponsored by Texas Rural Water Association. These workshops are one of many that will be offered within Region 6. The workshops will assist rural and small systems by addressing a full range of challenges and improve the management of their operations and infrastructure. **Omar T. Martinez, 665-8485; David Reazin, 665-7501**

R6 PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO R3 FOR SEISMICITY CONCERNS WITH A CLASS II UIC PERMIT: Region 3 UIC staff requested assistance in interpreting a seismic section connected with a disposal permit application. Ground Water/UIC Section staff reviewed available information, offered an interpretation of the seismic section and recommended permit contingency plans in the (unlikely) event of seismicity occurring after disposal operations startup. **Nancy Dorsey, 665-2294**